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SUBJECT: EIGHTEENTH DAY OF KC DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE

REF: PHNOM PENH 1005

1. SUMMARY. THE KHMER AIR FORCE LAUNCHED OVER THIRTY AIR STRIKES AGAINST KEY POSITIONS HELD BY THE KC ON THE LOWER MEKONG SOUTH OF NEAK LUONG. AROUND PHNOM PENH THERE WAS LITTLE ACTIVITY BY EITHER SIDE. THE OIL DEPOT ON ROUTE 5 NORTH OF PHNOM PENH IS STILL TAKING INCOMING MORTAR FIRE.

END SUMMARY.

2. KHMER AIR FORCE T-28 FIGHTER PLANES CARRIED OUT OVER 30 BOMBING SORTIES AT KEY KC-HELD CHOKE POINTS ALONG THE LOWER MEKONG RIVER SOUTH OF THE FERRY POINT AND NAVAL STAGING AREA OF NEAK LUONG. ANOTHER CONVOY FROM PHNOM PENH REACHED NEAK LUONG ON THE MORNING OF JAN. 18. THE CONVOY SUSTAINED ATTACKS BY FIRE ENROUTE BUT THERE WERE NO REPORTED CASUALTIES. FANK HAS ALSO REPORTED RETAKING A POSITION NEAR
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NEAK LUONG ON JAN. 17 AND KILLING 53 ENEMY SOLDIERS IN

THE PROCESS.

3. AROUND PHNOM PENH THERE WAS VERY LITTLE TO REPORT AS NEITHER FRIENDLY NOR KC FORCES UNDERTOOK SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES. THE OIL DEPOT ON ROUTE 5 NORTH OF PHNOM PENH IS STILL BEING SHELLED BY ENEMY MORTARS FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER. FANK TROOPS MOVING NORTH TO NEUTRALIZE THE AREA WHERE THE KC ARE FIRING FROM ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS.

4. ON THE MORNING OF JAN 18, FOUR 107MM ROCKETS WERE FIRED AT POCHENTONG AIRFIELD, BUT, AS IN PREVIOUS SUCH ATTACKS, LANDED TO THE NORTH. THERE WERE NO REPORTED CASUALTIES. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JAN. 18, A 107MM ROCKET THAT DID NOT EXPLODE LANDED IN THE COMPOUND OF CHAMCAR MON, THE HEADQUARTERS FOR PRESIDENT LON NOL AND HIS STAFF (ABOUT 250 METERS FROM THE EMBASSY CHANCERY).
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